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5. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Azuma. Azuma discloses the claimed invention except for the recitation of the lens and diffuser being integral. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the diffuser and lens of Azuma integral, since it has been held that forming in one piece a structure, which has formerly been formed in two, or more pieces, involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Larson*, 144 USPQ 347, 349 (CCPA 1965). One would have been motivated to make the diffuser and lens integral for the purpose of producing a streamline optical plate that reduces bulk.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-10 are allowed.
2. Claims 13,14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art cited does not teach the limitations of claim 1, in particular the combination of a reflector extending along the length of said tube and having angularly disposed portions proximally joined at an apex on an optical axis of symmetry, said angularly disposed portions having distal edges; a diffuser extending for the length of said tube and having angularly disposed proximal portions terminating in distal edges engaged with the reflector; a lens extending between the distal edges of the diffuser, and

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